

WEATHER  
FAIR AND WARMER  
TODAY; SHOWERS AT  
NIGHT OR FRIDAY.

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## PURTELLE TRYING TO RAISE WIND

Traction Promoter Seeks to Borrow \$500 in Jasper County to Take Cars of Check Sent to Hammond to Pay Laborers.

Further particulars of the operations of "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" Purtele have been revealed by the Jasper County Democrat. Purtele's resourcefulness is indicated by the story. After printing this Times story about the failure of Purtele to make the promised deposit at a local bank in Hammond the Democrat said:

"Purtele was in Rensselaer again Thursday afternoon and yesterday in consultation with some of the fellows here who seem to still have faith in him, and an effort was made at a meeting held in Halleck & Leopold's office Thursday night to raise \$500 among people here to take care of this Hammond check and a number of small checks he had given in Rensselaer for labor and other bills some time ago, and which were turned down by his bank at Hammond for want of funds.

"The object was, we are told, to get fifty men to subscribe \$10 each to raise this \$500, and at ten o'clock yesterday we were told that twenty names of the fifty wanted had been secured.

"One of our informants said if they were successful in raising this \$500 that it was to be deposited in a Rensselaer bank and paid out only for work here and to take care of the outstanding.

## HAMMOND MEN VISIT WOODLAWN STATION

Mayor Smalley and Party Sorted Out by Jealous Chicago Cops.

Auto speed violation, like murder, especially if the violator is prominent Hammondite will out, and so all attempts by the city officials who were on the city hall—furniture junket to Chicago last Thursday to suppress their police record—yes, that's the term—in that connection, failed. In the party were Mayor John D. Smalley, City Clerk Otto Dueske, Councilmen John Pascaley and Arthur Schutz, William Love of the F. S. Betz company, and Irving Betz who was driving the car. The party was on its way home, and in the words of Chief Justice White was not going unreasonably fast, and the only explanation that can be made for the fact that the Hammond party was "pinched" while others going faster got away was probably due to the fact that the Hammondites were a more prominent looking bunch and looked easier. They squared themselves at the Woodlawn station by paying the court ten dollars.

## ARMY TO HAVE 20 AEROPLANES SOON



General James Allen, chief of the United States signal corps, and head of the army's aviation division, predicts that within a year this country will be as far advanced as any in strength of aerial forces. He hopes by that time to have twenty aeroplanes, operated by forty officers.

## SURPLUS IS DWINDLING

That idle freights cars are rapidly being drafted into service is indicated by the monthly bulletin of the American Railway Association for the month ended July 19. It says: "The total car surplus for the date of this report is 250,433, a decrease of 15,075 since our last report. Of this decrease 7,574 are coal and gondolas, and 6,200 box cars. There are also slight decreases in flat and miscellaneous cars. The bulk of the decrease in box cars is in groups 3 (Central), 5 (Southern) and 19 (Pacific), while the coal car decrease is general. There are also some scattering shortages, which are as yet unimportant. A study of the charts for previous years shows that without exception the decrease in surplus has started with either the first or second period in July, and the reports seems to indicate a similar tendency in the supply this year."

## CITY MAY HAVE NEW CHURCH

Plans are said to be on foot in West Hammond for the organization of a new Catholic congregation which is to be composed of English and German speaking Catholics who either attend the Polish Catholic church on the south side or the Catholic churches in Hammond.

West Hammond at the present time has but one Catholic church, and the majority of the parishioners are Poles, who have the gospel preached to them in their mother tongue. The church is the center of the community and the difference in language between the Polish and non-Polish is more or less of a dividing factor. The establishing of another church center appears to be the only solution, and it is interesting to find favor with many of the Catholics on the north side.

Non-Catholics too, among them Miss Virginia Brooks are said to be willing to lend a hand realizing that what benefits a part of the city will benefit the whole.

As far as is known no definite steps have as yet been taken for the organization of a congregation, but the matter is said to be at such a stage that it is ready to be laid before Archbishop Quigley of Chicago, in the near future. West Hammond appears to be a receptive state not only in civic matters but in religious matters as well, and it would not be surprising to see this project go through on the high wave of community interest.

## ROSS SAYS HE DOUBTS THE STORY

Deputy Prosecutor Doesn't Think Greenwald Got a Letter.

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ralph W. Ross said today that he had not seen Prosecuting Attorney Greenwald since Governor Thomas R. Marshall had authorized a cleaning up of the Cedar Lake resorts.

Ross said that he did not believe that Greenwald had received a letter from the governor's office on the subject. He refrained from expressing an opinion on the matter until he heard from Greenwald except to say that he thought if there was anything wrong that it was the duty of the Sheriff's office to take the initiative.

Ross was not inclined to become very excited over the matter and said that he was confident that the matter would be properly handled by the proper authorities.

## MANY SIGNERS FAVOR PETITION

Widening of East State St. From Oakley on Meets With Little Opposition.

Signers representing over 2,000 feet of State street frontage, have signed a petition asking for the widening of State street east of Oakley avenue started by this Times. It is expected that thousands of feet of frontage will be represented on the petition before the end of next week.

The effect of this plan to widen the street has resulted in bulging the market and a large number of inquiries for State street frontage have resulted from the agitation in favor of the widening.

## WEEK IN REALTY IS VERY QUIET

Desultory Sales in Lot Property; Franklin Park Co. Sells Fifty Lots Through Advertising Campaign and Other Publicity in Times.

Desultory sales of lots in various parts of the city marked the close of another day of a very quiet week in real estate in Hammond. No important deals have been announced.

The starting of the Alliance elevator, optimism on the part of the officials of the Simplex Railway Appliance Co. and the Standard Steel Car Co., the excellent condition of industries not allied with the steel trade and the report of many merchants that they are doing a good business are incidents that tend to encourage real estate activity.

The Hammond-Gary Realty Co. report that its sales to date number between 20 and 25 lots. Reported changes in the operating department of the Indiana Harbor Belt railroad created a condition of unrest with many railroad men but it is expected that an announcement will be made August 1 that will reveal the fact that these changes will not affect the operating force at Gibson.

The sale of lots in the Franklin Park addition has been very successful under the easy terms plan that has been adopted by those who have the sale in charge. Fifty lots have been sold under this plan and the agents for the property give the credit to the advertising that has been given the property through this Times.

Gostlin, Meyn & Co. report that they have sold three lots in Eschenburg's addition and three in Larned's Addition during the past week. No large sales have been made.

J. S. Blackman & Co. report the sale of five lots on Chicago avenue to two parties. North side property has been exceedingly active since Gostlin, Meyn & Co. started the sale of their Henry street property.

## KNOEZER'S GOING AFTER BEET INDUSTRY

Beet Topper and Harvester Is Invented by Local Manufacturer.

Otto Knoezer, president of the Champion Potato Machinery company of Hammond has an invention, for which he has just received letters patent which is intended for a beet topper and harvester.

Realizing what a big industry the sugar beet raising is in this country and that as yet no machinery has been put on the market by which the sugar beet can be successfully harvested, Mr. Knoezer set about a year ago to develop a machine which should meet the needs of the sugar beet planters.

The greatest need was to have a machine that would dig the sugar beets and if possible also cut off the tops. The old method necessitates the topping by hand, while the digging was an uncertain and unsatisfactory method of plowing up the beets to some extent.

The machine which Mr. Knoezer has patented cuts off the tops and digs up the beet. The tops are left in the field for fertilizer while the beets are picked up like potatoes.

Mr. Knoezer's machine is still in the experimental stage to some extent none having been put on the market as yet. It is his hope however to have them on the market next year.

Russell Files Suit.

William E. Russell, by his attorney, J. K. Stinson, has filed an action to foreclose against numerous defendants who have not paid their special assessments on property in the vicinity of Columbia avenue.

## A 22-INNING GAME.

Two excited ball teams got together yesterday afternoon at the Hammond Athletic association's park and played a wonderful game, lasting from 1:30 until 4:30. The teams were "The Star Fish Giants" and "The Wild Cats." The battle went twenty-two innings to a tie 4 to 4, and the prospects were that it would be on yet only for a fight that started in the grand stand between two boys about ten or twelve years old. One claimed to be Skippy Shaner.

The admission to the game was five cents and a bottle of water. Batteries for the "Star Fish Giants" were Sugar and Tague, for the "Wild Cats" W. Rohde and B. Jergens. The attendance was about 500.

## MISSOURI COUPLE, NEARLY 100 YEARS OLD. CELEBRATE 76TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Atha G. Hudson and Katherine Elizabeth Hudson, his wife, have just celebrated their seventy-sixth wedding anniversary at Humansville, Mo. The husband is ninety-eight years old, and is in perfect health. His wife is ninety-one.

## MANY SIGNS POINT TO EARLY FALL

Farmers in Lake County Have Every Assurance of Fact.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

Crown Point, Ind., July 29.—Farmers that have an eye to the weather as well as the raising of crops, and do a little weather prophesying as a side line to their milk business, are predicting an early fall. Among some of the principal reasons for the lord of the soil's pessimistic views regarding the early fall of the coal bins and the premature discomfiture of the ice man, is his taking into account the early maturing of the crops and the advanced condition of the foliage on the hardwood trees. But the principal reason for Mr. Farmer's early fall prognostications is the collecting of the thousands of birds, particularly the species known as the bobolink or rice bird, preparatory to their migration south. Their activities peculiar to their flight have commenced at least three weeks earlier this year than formerly and many stubble fields are literally blocked with the glossy coated noise-makers. The birds keep collecting in flights until they number of tens of thousands and their flight from one field to another sounds like the rushing of a mighty wind. A week of the preparation for their migration is kept up, when to Mr. Farmer wakes up some morning to find every vestige of his black feathered friends have left.

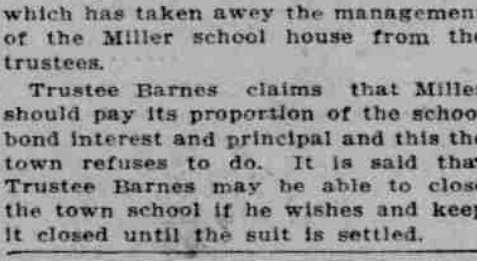
Some farmers say this is one of the best signs of oncoming cool weather, while others take issue with him and say that the birds' activities are due wholly to an early harvesting of the crops.

## WATCH OUTCOME OF MANDAMUS SUIT.

Miller people are watching with interest the outcome of the suit filed by Trustee Barnes of Hobart township against County Auditor Johnson and Treasurer Maack. The suit is a mandamus one and is for the purpose of restraining the officials turning over school funds to the town school board which has taken away the management of the Miller school house from the trustees.

Trustee Barnes claims that Miller should pay its proportion of the school bond interest and principal and this town refuses to do. It is said that Trustee Barnes may be able to close the town school if he wishes and keep it closed until the suit is settled.

## WORKS AIMS BLOW AT ALASKAN CRAFT



Senator John Works, of California, who introduced in the Senate the Pinchot bill for the regulated development of Alaskan coal fields, is assured of the support of a working majority in both houses.

## M'CLAY HAS DEPOT CONTRACT

J. H. McClay was today awarded the contract for building the new Monon railway station for Hammond, to cost \$20,000. The building is to be a handsome one and must be completed by Dec. 1. Work on the structure is to be begun right away.

The exterior is to be built of Bedford stone from the Monon's own quarries. The floor will be of marble and the interior of enameled brick and ornamental stucco. There will be a large passenger waiting room, a smoking room, freight house, toilets and a ticket and telegraph office.

## NORTHSIDERS HOLD REGULAR MEETING

Complaint Is Made Against Wabash Railroad For Holding Crossings.

The North Side Business Men's association met last night and transacted considerable business of importance. The question of cutting down the underbrush on vacant lots was taken up, and in view of the fact that the crusade along these lines did considerable good last year it is urged that the city officials enforce the ordinances in this respect this year.

The matter of the failure of the Wabash railroad to plank the Johnson street crossing came up for consideration. The people along this street were compelled to build walks and they believe that the railroad ought to be compelled to plank its crossing.

Complaint was also made against this railroad on the grounds that it holds these crossings when the men are going to work in the morning and makes a great many of them late to their work.

Another matter which came up for consideration was the "gas drip" that menaces the lives of children in its vicinity. According to the story that was told at the meeting last night some children were playing in the vicinity of this drip when escaping gas resulted in rendering one of them unconscious.

## MOTOR BOAT STOLEN.

The East Chicago police informed the Hammond police this morning that Mr. Roberts of East Chicago was the victim of river thieves sometime last night when his motor boat was stripped of its brass trimmings and valuable parts of the engine.

Mr. Roberts kept his motor boat locked up in the boat house located at the slip near the entrance of the canal. The lock was broken off of the door and the thieves are thought to have done their work sometime after midnight.

This makes the third or fourth motor boat that has been stripped during the past year. Recently a boat near the boat house of the Hammond Motor club was stripped of most everything valuable and rendered at practically useless. The police have been working hard during the past two months to round up these river thieves, but no clew has been found. The United States revenue cutter at South Chicago has also been working on these cases.

If you smoke a LaVender once you will always call for them.

## WOMAN'S TIP STOPS CHICAGO PRIZE FIGHT

Hammond Police Stop Impromptu Mill in Fourth Round, One Fighter Leaves Clothes Behind, Mill Was One of the Old Time Variety

Efforts by three hundred Chicago fight-hungry sports to put Hammond back twenty-five years were frustrated last night, when the Hammond police acting on a tip received from a woman in Burnham raided an open air prizefight within thirty feet of the Indiana State line in the shadow of the Federal Cement and Tile Works.

FLED IN SWAMP.

The principals in the fight were Danny Goodman and Jack Roberts, two Chicago lightweights who have been matched nearly a score of times, but who never yet were able to find a place for a finish fight. The bout last night was scheduled to go twenty-five rounds, but only four were over, when Officers Einsels, Bunde, Malo and Kunz broke upon the scene and routed the sports, who fled in all directions and lost themselves in a thirty acre swamp.

ONLY FOR CHICAGO SPORTS.

The fistic feast was meant only for Chicago sports, and the arrangements for it were made as quietly as possible. Special cars were chartered on the South Shore line which first brought these fans as far as Hegewisch where it was said that Goodman and Roberts were to meet on Battling Nelson's "farm." Finding interference in Hegewisch by deputies from the Cook county sheriff's office, they went as far as Burnham, the deputies were on their heels and refused to let the fighters get down to business. In desperation, F. H. Hitchcock, a saloonkeeper across

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## AM. STEEL FOUNDRIES MAY BUILD

Mammoth Steel Mill Exercises Right of Option on 16-Acre Tract on Canal; Land Will Double Site; New Buildings Planned.

(Special to THE TIMES.)

East Chicago, July 29.—The American Steel Foundries company has notified John A. Chapman and William Jenkins, who hold title for the McCormick estate to a large tract adjoining their plant, that they will exercise their right of option on sixteen acres of land back of the plant which is included in the McCormick tract. The land is located on the canal and turning basin.

The fact that the steel company is desirous of closing on the exercise, together with the fact that about a year ago they bought an additional twelve acres, making 28 acres in all, and thereby almost doubling their site, leads to the conclusion that the firm is contemplating something big in the way of improvements.

The twelve acres purchased a year ago is between the plant and Michigan

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## ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION BEGUN THIS MORNING

Air Line Unloads Ties at East Chicago Ready for Laborers.

With the unloading of a car load of ties this morning at East Gary actual construction work on the East Gary-Goodrum division of the New York Chicago air line was started. The division when extended to Gary will link the steel city with Laporte and intermediate points. Hammond is already connected with Gary by the air line's allied or subsidiary company, the Gary and Interurban railway, so within a short time Lake county points will have interurban connections with Porter and Laporte counties other than the connections afforded by the South Shore route. Laporte is a traction terminus and its direct connection with Lake county will be of much benefit to the Calumet region.

Work on the East Gary-Goodrum division will be actively prosecuted both from the east as well as the west ends. There is considerable activity in and around Goodrum at the present time.

With the extension from East Gary to Gary and the starting of construction work in the near future on the Gary-Hobart line, via Thirty-seventh avenue, Gary will get two new trolley lines from points to the east.

## LATEST NEWS

HITCHED WITH MULES.

Kansas City, Mo., July 29.—Because her husband hitched her to a harrow beside a team of mules and drove her around a corn field, Mrs. Lafayette Choat, wife of a prosperous farmer living near Birmingham, Mo., appealed to the juvenile court here yesterday for the custody of her sons, 1 and 6 years old. Mrs. Choat declared her husband tied her hands behind her and drove her four times around the field hitched with the mules. She said when she stumbled and fell he beat her with a club. She bared her arm before the court. It was black and blue from many beatings.

BECOMES LEGAL TENDER.

Denver, Col., July 29.—A new legal tender has appeared at Milliken, Col., because of the scarcity of potatoes. Yesterday P. A. Murphy stepped into a saloon ordered a glass of beer and when that was gone a second, and then laid on the bar a potato. He called for his change and the barkeeper gravely returned him a nickel and placed the potato in the cash drawer.

GATES IS DYING; ALL HOPE LOST.

Paris, July 29.—John W. Gates was declared to be dying today as result of an attack of pneumonia. Physicians hold no hope of saving the financier's life. Gates has developed pneumonia of the left lung. His kidney trouble had been yielding, but the added complication of pneumonia, together with weakness increased by the excessive hot weather, causes the attending physicians to consider his chance almost nil.

## CLEANS TEETH IN CONGRESS DEBATE



Representative H. Robert Fowler, of Illinois, amazed other Congressmen by pulling a toothbrush out of his vest pocket and cleansing his molars during the debate on the urgency deficiency bill.